

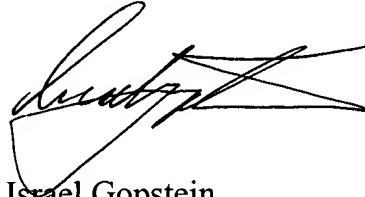
### REMARKS

Applicant provides herewith new claims for an invention disclosed in the present divisional application. Applicant courteously submits that the claims are supported by the original specification, a copy of which is enclosed herewith and that no new matter has been added to the original disclosure of the application.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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